storage and communications, financing, insurance, real estate and business services, community, social and personal services) in GDP increased from 36.6 per cent in 1980-81 to 45.5 per cent in 1998-99. It may also be noted that as per the quinquennial surveys conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation on Employment and Unemployment the share of services in total employment rose from 17.21 per cent in 1983 to 22.73 per cent in 1999-2000. The growth of employment among other things crucially depends on the growth of GDP. The Approach Paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002—07) released by the Planning Commission has envisaged an average annual GDP growth target of 8 per cent and has also emphasised providing gainful high-quality employment to the addition to the labour force over the Tenth Plan period.

Appointment of CMD in IDBI

2961. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post of Chairman and CMD in IDBI is lying vacant since February, 2001; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government for appointment of CMD in IDBI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) On the retirement of the then CMD, IDBI on 31.01.2001 (AN), two Executive Directors were appointed for different durations as acting CMDs of IDBI pending appointment of regular CMD. Government has since appointed regular CMD, IDBI and he has assumed the charge on 4.09.2001.

Tax exemption to DA and other allowances

†2962. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

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